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SBA's Pappas to Appear on WKMB-AM Listeners Can Call in with Small Business Questions

Stirling, NJ – Michael Pappas, regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, will appear live on WKMB-AM (1070 AM) in Stirling, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 17th at 1:30 p.m. The half-hour live, all-in show will focus on SBA programs and services for small businesses in New Jersey.

Pappas will join host Frank Yankowski of Unity Bank in discussing financing, technical assistance and government contracting programs available for prospective and established small business owners. "The SBA made 2,441 small business loans in the State of New Jersey last fiscal year for \$566 million. We are helping to create jobs and grow the local economy. Everyone contemplating small business ownership or expansion should be aware of the kinds of assistance the SBA can provide them," Pappas said.

"Anyone interested in finding out more about SBA assistance available for business ownership should call-in to WKMB AM (1070) between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. on May 27, 2003," Pappas said.

For more information about SBA's programs for small businesses, call the SBA Answer Desk at 1-800 U ASK SBA or TDD 704-344-6640 or visit the SBA's extensive Web site at www.sba.gov.

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